

# WORSHIP @ HOME



## DAILY WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK MAUNDY THURSDAY



### Preparing for worship:

Christian meditation music <http://www.viewpure.com/fOB73qRVGJs?start=0&end=0>

Take a few moments to be still.

### The Greeting:

**ALL:** 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN'. Our tradition is to cross ourselves as this is said.

### Opening prayer and lighting of two candles:

Lord God, we come to worship,  
and to be reminded of our Saviour's passion;  
by the power of your Spirit,

help us to enter fully into the journey of Holy Week, that we may be prepared once again for the celebration that is Easter Day.

We ask in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

Father God, help us to put you first every day and in every situation so the light from our flame grows tall, sending out more light to others.

**ALL: Amen**

### **Bible Reading:**

A reading from Luke Chapter 22 verses 14, 19-23 and 31-34

#### **The Lord's Supper**

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles.

Then he took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me." In the same way, he gave them the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, which is poured out for you.

"But, look! The one who betrays me is here at the table with me! The Son of Man will die as God has decided, but how terrible for that man who betrays him!"

Then they began to ask among themselves which one of them it could be who was going to do this.

#### **Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial**

"Simon, Simon! Listen! Satan has received permission to test all of you, to separate the good from the bad, as a farmer separates the wheat from the chaff. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith will not fail. And when you turn back to me, you must strengthen your brothers."

Peter answered, "Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you and to die with you!"

"I tell you, Peter," Jesus said, "the rooster will not crow tonight until you have said three times that you do not know me."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## A message:

Jesus was always inviting people. Inviting them to follow him, inviting them to eat with him, pray with him, listen to him. At The Last Supper Jesus invited his friends to remember him. Remember him with wine and bread; remember how he gave himself, his blood and his body, all because God was inviting those who believed to become his friends. Even today, God invites people back into His family with open arms.

Jesus was telling his friends that he was about to die, that one of his disciples would betray him and Peter would deny knowing him. Yet, with mere human words, Jesus could not help the disciples understand. Nevertheless, his words gave them something to remember and to put into perspective at a later time — a time after he had been crucified and been raised from the dead. Jesus' destiny in Jerusalem was simply incomprehensible to the disciples when Jesus told them what would happen. They had seen the good he had done. They had experienced his life-changing presence first hand. They believed him to be the Messiah. **How could Peter possibly deny him? How could God's Messiah be crucified? How could he be executed for the deeds of kindness he had performed and the words of truth he had spoken? Jesus has one day to live.**

We must grasp this truth: Jesus was going to Jerusalem knowing full well that he would be persecuted, rejected, tortured, and killed. Yet he went anyway, to honour God and to pay the price for our sins. We must not let this loving sacrifice be hidden from our hearts!

## Activity



Create your own story stones with a young member of your family to help tell the story of Holy Week. As well as encouraging creativity, these stones have many uses:

- Pick a stone and tell the story.
- Sequence the stones for Holy week.
- Hold a stone to focus pray.
- Use them as creative writing prompts or story starters.

Place them on a sacred space. There possibilities are endless . . .

### A time for reflection:

Reflect in the words of this poem:

Symbols are such powerful things –  
Flags and eagles, coins and rings.  
They tell the story in one sign,  
Speak a message, spin a line.  
Some we cherish, some we cheer,  
Some bring hope, but others fear.  
For me the keys they speak of glory,  
But cockcrow is another story.  
The one reminds me of His trust,  
The other brings me to the dust.  
For I denied him at the dawn –  
Every day that fact I mourn,  
For with the crowing of the cock  
Thoughts of failure haunt and mock.  
I am forgiven – that I know,  
But I weep at each cockcrow.  
Anon.

Sit quietly and listen to Allegri's Misere Mei:

<http://www.viewpure.com/IX1zicNRLmY?ref=search>

### Closing prayer:

Heavenly Father,  
We thank you that Jesus went to Jerusalem while knowing that the cross was coming  
and yet enduring it for the sake of our salvation. Ensure that Jesus' loving sacrifice is not  
hidden from our hearts. To you, O Lord and Christ, belong all glory, honour, blessing and  
praise.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of  
the Holy Spirit be with us, now and evermore. Amen.**

To finish, keep a minute or two of silence. Rest in the Lords presence.



